

a.4 outlet orifice, characterized in that it comprises a gas communication structure or device that is capable of withdrawing gases contained in the device, the liquid remaining kept in said device.--

REMARKS

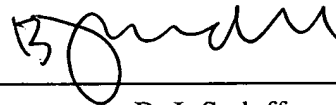
The above amendments are made to reduce the claims fee and without prejudice.
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that it comprises a surface capable, by adsorption, of spreading some of the liquid away from the orifice of the nozzle when the device is opened.
4. (Amended) The device as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterized in that means (8, 11) are provided for fixing the cap onto the container and in that the cap comprises means for allowing the pressure in the zone inside the container and the pressure outside to be balanced upon opening before the means for fixing the cap onto the container are deactivated.
5. (Amended) The device as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, characterized in that the cap comprises a part extending roughly between the orifice of the nozzle and an opposite end of said nozzle in communication with the zone inside the container, in the closed position.
7. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 5 [or 6], characterized in that said part comprises at least two tabs (13) capable of at least partially stoppering the nozzle.
8. (Amended) The device as claimed in [claims 6 and 7] claim 6, characterized in that the duct (16) is formed between the tabs.
9. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7 [or 8], characterized in that the tabs are separated by slots (15).
10. (Amended) The device as claimed in [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, characterized in that the tabs are of a length approximately equal to that of the nozzle.
11. (Amended) The device as claimed in [any one of claims 7 to 9] claim 7, characterized in that the tabs are of a length appreciably longer than that of the nozzle and project into the zone inside the container in the closed state.
12. (Amended) The device as claimed in [any one of claims 4 to 7] claim 4, characterized in that the pressure-balancing means are capable of passing through some liquid held in the nozzle by capillarity.
17. (Amended) A removable cap for a container as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1.